

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1419 without my signature.

While measuring the opportunity for K-12 pupil learning in ways that permit statewide comparison of school programs is important, California has already established a solid comprehensive assessment and accountability program.

The state's current Academic Performance Index (API) provides high quality public data on schools' academic performance. The accountability system provides a "similar schools rank", which compares a school to 100 other schools with similar school ranking. This allows parents and other stakeholders to see how a school compares with other schools that have the same challenges. Additionally, this bill is redundant to the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) as most of the indicators contained in this bill are also contained in the SARC.

For these reasons, I am unable to support this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger